

REMARKS

A Petition for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently herewith.

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claim 2 has been canceled and claim 1 has been amended. Claims 1 and 3-4 are pending in this application.

The Examiner states that Figures 1-2 should be designated by a legend such as -- Prior Art -- because only that which is old is illustrated. In response, Applicant herewith submits a Request for Approval of Drawing Changes together with amended Figures 1 and 2. Upon indication of Notice of Allowance, Applicant will submit formal drawings.

Claims 1-3 stand objected to because of the informalities. Applicant submits that only acronyms are within the parenthesis. Accordingly, it is submitted that this objection is not proper. Withdrawal of the objection to claims 1-3 is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3 stands objected to because of the informalities. Applicant has amended claims 1-3 according to the Examiner's kind suggestions. Claims 1 and 3-4 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-4 of application

number 10/026,620. Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Madour. Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Madour in view of Lee et al. However, the Examiner has indicated that claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has canceled claim 2 and included all of the limitations of canceled claim 2 into claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claim 1 which includes the allowable subject matter of canceled claim 2 and its dependent claims 3 and 4 are now believed allowable.

The prior art made the record and not relied upon is noted.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 3-4 are now in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If any issues remain to be resolved, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

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